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Spotted At Sushi-Ya and NEXTDOOR, Sir Richard Branson



The British industrialist known best for his Virgin brand of over 360 companies was spotted on Aruba, downtown, at Sushi-Ya & NEXTDOOR, watching the World Cup soccer game between the Dutch & Uruguay, in the company of the locals, including owners Sven & Daisy Ellerkamp.

Branson's first successful business venture was at age 16, when he published a magazine called Student. He

then set up an audio record mail-order business in the 70s and opened a chain of record stores, Virgin Records, later known as Virgin Megastores.

Richard Branson is the 261st richest person in the world according to Forbes magazine yet while on the island he decided to have lunch with his travel companion at Sushi-Ya & NEXTDOOR over a couple of cold beers and some excellent soccer.

Octopus Paul predicts Spain to win World Cup

BERLIN, Germany -- Germany's oracle octopus Paul picked Spain to beat the Netherlands in the World Cup final tomorrow in a live television broadcast watched across Europe.

The two-year-old celebrity octopus, who has accurately picked the outcome of all six of Germany's World Cup matches so far, quickly tipped Spain to beat the Netherlands. It took him only three minutes to make up his mind.

"That was fast -- it looks like a clear-cut victory for Spain," said Tanja Munzig, spokeswoman for Sea Life in Oberhausen. She was surprised by his speed in picking Spain. For some matches it took Paul 70 minutes to decide.

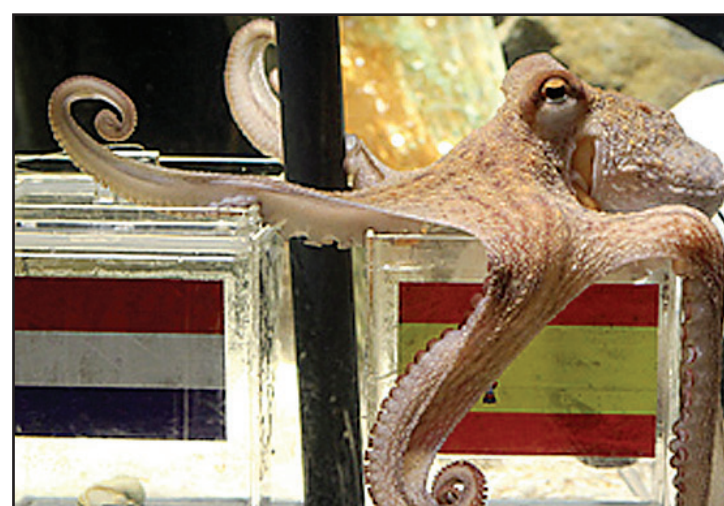
The octopus, considered by some to be the most intelligent of all invertebrates, got the choice of picking food from two different transparent containers lowered into his tank -- one with a Dutch flag on it and one with Spain's flag.

Reaction in Spain was swift, with the country's biggest selling sports daily website Marca.com running the headline: "The octopus Paul makes us champions."

The container Paul opens first is regarded as his pick. Yesterday he wasted no time in diving for the container on the right side with the Spanish flag on it.

Two German television networks interrupted their programming for live coverage of the two-year-old celebrity octopus's picks. Networks in Spain, the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe also broadcast Paul's decision live.

Earlier yesterday, Germans heaved a sigh of relief



when Paul tipped Germany to beat Uruguay in the World Cup match for third place. There were cheers in offices across Germany after crowds of viewers tuned in to watch Paul live.

Normally he only picks Germany matches. But for the final Sea Life made an exception.

The octopus in Oberhausen turned into a global celebrity for correctly picking the winners of all six of Germany's World Cup matches - including their two defeats to Serbia and Spain.

Yesterday Paul first settled on top of the Germany container but after a few minutes shifted to the Uruguay container. Then after about 15 minutes he went back to Germany container, quickly opened the lid and ate the morsel of food inside.

Not an ordinarily superstitious people, Germans have become believers in Paul's possible psychic powers. The country was shocked and distraught when he picked Spain to beat Germany after tipping German wins over Argentina, England, Ghana and Australia.

Paul's selections have become top news across Germany and around the world.

Some commentators even wondered aloud whether his improbable winning streak might have begun to influence some of the more superstitious players.

But after Paul accurately picked Spain to beat Germany in the semi-final, some Germans called for a public roasting of the oracle octopus. Newspapers and websites were filled with suggestions on how to cook and eat him.

Officials at Sea Life in Oberhausen have installed extra security to protect their octopus.

"Paul is in safe hands with us," said Munzig.

Spain's Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero was quoted in Spanish media reports saying -- in jest -- he was concerned about Paul's safety.

"I am concerned for the octopus...I am thinking of sending him a protective team," Zapatero said.

Spain's Environment and Fisheries Minister Elena Espinosa also said: "On Monday I shall be at the European Council of Ministers and I shall be asking for a fishing ban on Paul the octopus so Germans do not eat him."

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White House: CIA chief negotiated spy transfers

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The head of the CIA was responsible for negotiations with Russia leading to the biggest spy swap since the Cold War, the White House said yesterday, underlining the high stakes of the deal.

A spokesman for President Barack Obama told reporters that Leon Panetta, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, led the talks and that Obama himself was first briefed on the situation as far back as a month ago.

Ten convicted Russian agents were exchanged for four Russians convicted of spying for Western countries in a dramatic deal finalized yesterday.

"The United States government came up with the four individuals to be freed by the Russians based on humanitarian concerns, health concerns, and other reasons that we put forward to the Russians," the White House official, who asked not to be named, said.

"Director Panetta led these conversations and we received a response soon after

the names were offered," the official said.

The official also said that security agencies first briefed the White House in February and that Obama was briefed in person on June 11.

"He was told about the illegals program, given details of the individuals involved, what they've done over the past decade, and about provided notice that some of the illegals had plans to travel abroad this summer," the official said.

Obama chaired a National Security Council meeting to discuss the agents on June 18th, who were arrested June 27.

"At the time of the arrests, the President was kept fully apprised of developments," the official said.

The deal was seen as a high-level solution to a spy scandal that threatened to disrupt improving US-Russian relations.

The 10 Russian agents, who were arrested last month, pleaded guilty Thursday and were ordered to leave the country immedi-

ately, avoiding the need for a politically embarrassing trial.

Yesterday a plane carrying the spies freed by Russia landed at an international airport outside Washington, an AFP correspondent saw.

The Vision airline plane landed around 5:30 pm after a flight from Vienna where the exchange took place.

It was not known how many of the four were still on board the plane when it arrived at Dulles international airport, as according to the British media it had briefly stopped first at the Brize Norton air base in central England.

Official: Gulf oil leak could be capped by Monday

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AFP) - BP's efforts to place a new containment cap over the gushing Gulf of Mexico oil well could effectively stop the disastrous spill as early as Monday, a US official said yesterday.

Admiral Thad Allen, who oversees the government's spill response, said on day 81 of the disaster that an operation to swap in the new cap could begin today and the entire process would take "about three to four days."

If successful, the new cap could capture all of the crude spilling into the Gulf and allow it to be siphoned up to container vessels on the surface, in effect halting the devastating spill of crude into the sea that has imperilled fragile coastlines and wildlife across the Gulf Coast.

The days-long process of switching containment devices, however, could see the amount of oil spilling into the ocean temporarily increase by up to 15,000 barrels.

The operation is the latest attempt to contain the spill that

Convoy carrying 775 genocide victims en route to Srebrenica

VISOKO, Bosnia (AFP) - A convoy carrying the remains of 775 victims of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre yesterday set off for the memorial center in Potocari where they will be buried over the weekend.

Several hundred people attended the convoy's send-off from the central Bosnian town of Visoko and held a prayer for the dead.

"My three sons fled to the forest before Serb forces arrived at Srebrenica, hoping to save themselves. None of them survived," said Izet Osman-

ovic, who tomorrow is to bury his third son after his remains were found in a mass grave.

The four-truck convoy also passed through the Bosnian capital Sarajevo where around 4,000 people, many of them in tears, bade the victims a final farewell.

The Muslim and Croat members of Bosnia's tripartite presidency, Haris Silajdzic and Zeljko Komisic respectively, paid homage to the victims as the convoy halted in front of the presidency building in Sarajevo.

Some 8,000 Muslim men and boys were killed in several days in July 1995 by Bosnian Serb forces. The massacre was the only crime committed during the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia that international courts have termed genocide.

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According to Diabetes Platform: Diabetes is becoming a big problem on Aruba



Diabetes is a big public health problem. In the year 2000 there was no less than 151 million people worldwide registered with diabetes. It is predicted that for the year 2030 the amount will increase to more than 360 million.

Diabetes mellitus, often simply referred to as diabetes—is a condition in which a person has high blood sugar, either because the body does not produce enough insulin, or because cells do not respond to the insulin that is produced. This high blood sugar produces the classical symptoms of polyuria (frequent urination), polydipsia (increased thirst) and polyphagia (increased hunger).

There are three main types of diabetes:

- Type 1 diabetes: results from the body's failure to produce insulin, and presently requires the person to inject in-

sulin.

- Type 2 diabetes: results from insulin resistance, a condition in which cells fail to use insulin properly, sometimes combined with an absolute insulin deficiency.

- Gestational diabetes: is when pregnant women, who have never had diabetes before, have a high blood glucose level during pregnancy. It may precede development of type 2 DM.

Other forms of diabetes include congenital diabetes, which is due to genetic defects of insulin secretion, cystic fibrosis-related diabetes, steroid diabetes induced by high doses of glucocorticoids, and several forms of monogenic diabetes.

All forms of diabetes have been treatable since insulin became available in 1921, and type 2 diabetes may be controlled with medications. Both type 1 and 2 are chronic condi-

tions that usually cannot be cured.

Why is diabetes such a big problem?

Diabetes is a chronic ailment that after time can cause complications by damaging the veins and the nerve system. At presents 50% of diabetics already experience complications, i.e. blood circulation problems and bad eyesight. There is not only an increase in diabetic patients but also a drastic increase in the amount of children with type 2 diabetes, better known as the old age diabetes. Those children already experience complication that comes forward in adults. This means that they must be treated at a very young age to avoid that by the age of 20 they must undergo dialysis or by the age of 30 get a stroke or a heart attack.

Prediabetes is the state in which some but not all of the diagnostic criteria for diabetes are met. It is often described as the "gray area" between normal blood sugar and diabetic levels. While in this range, patients are at risk for not only developing type 2 diabetes, but also for cardiovascular complications.

On Aruba we are also facing the problem of pre-diabetes. The development of pre-diabetes into type 2 diabetes is hereditary, but it can also be influenced by certain lifestyles, particularly overweight, lack of physical activities and proper eating are risk factors to consider. These factors are responsible for the increase of diabetic patients, also on Aruba.

We must keep in mind that the increase in type 2 diabetes in children is related to the lifestyle factor; more overweight kids, less active kids (they spend lot of time sitting behind the computer or television), eating of too much junk food and drinking too much soft drinks.

Can we manage the problem of diabetes?

Yes, for a big part, but we must be more active and eat healthy. We must analyze good what the risk factors are on Aruba.

Platform Diabetes is here to inform the community in general and diabetic patients in particular on issues concerning diabetes. Organizations working with diabetic patients must come together with a solution on what has to be done and the encouragement to work together for the wellbeing of diabetic patients.



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La Niña developing, could mean more hurricanes

WASHINGTON — The climate phenomenon known as La Niña appears to be developing, threatening more bad news in the efforts to clean up the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

When a La Niña occurs there tend to be more hurricanes than normal in the Atlantic and Caribbean regions, which include the Gulf of Mexico.

The federal Climate Prediction Center said that La Niña conditions are likely to develop in July and August.

La Niña is marked by an unusual cooling of the sea surface in the tropical Pacific Ocean. Water temperatures in that area can affect air pressure and winds, resulting in changes in the weather in many parts of the world.

In a La Niña, wind shear is increased over the Pacific and reduced over the Atlantic. Wind shear is the difference in strength of winds at low levels compared to higher level winds.

A strong wind shear reduces hurricanes by breaking up their ability to rise into the air, while less shear means they can climb and strengthen.

Thus, the Climate Prediction Center notes, "there tend to be more Atlantic hurricanes

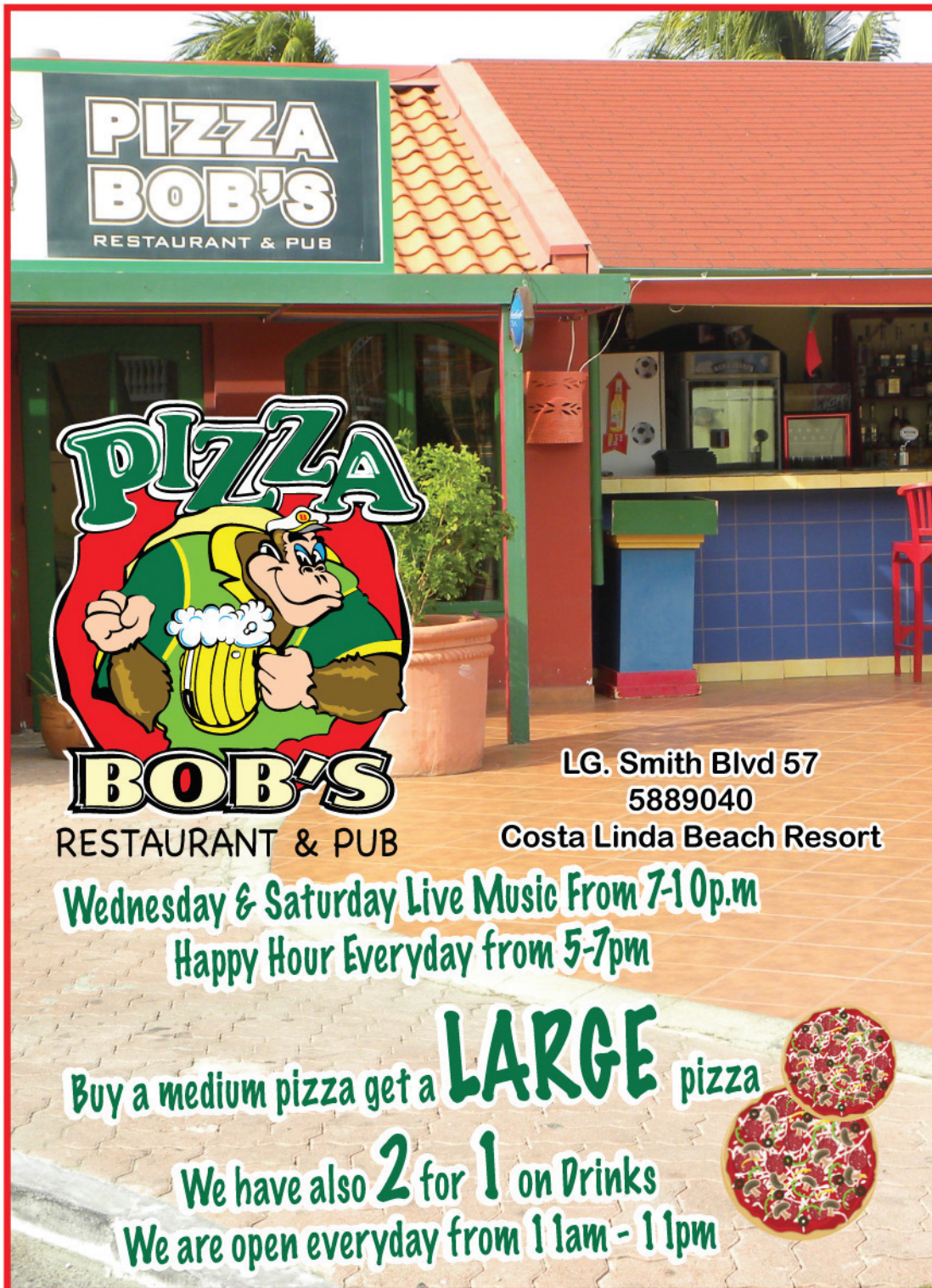
during La Niña because of this expanded area of low vertical wind shear."

In addition, during a La Niña "more hurricanes form in the deep tropics from African easterly waves. These systems have a much greater likelihood of becoming major hurricanes, and of eventually threatening the U.S. and Caribbean islands," according to the center, a part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The climate center's current hurricane forecast for this season is for 14 to 23 named storms of which 8 to 14 are expected to be hurricanes and 3 to 7 major hurricanes.

The center noted that during June, sea surface temperature continued to decrease across the equatorial Pacific Ocean, with cool areas expanding across the central and eastern Pacific. In addition, increased rainfall persisted over Indonesia, while the area of reduced rain expanded westward over the western and central equatorial Pacific.

Combined with changes in the winds over the Pacific "these oceanic and atmospheric anomalies reflect developing La Niña conditions" which are likely to continue through early 2011, CPC said.



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Naomi Campbell to testify at Taylor war crimes trial

LONDON, England (AFP) - British supermodel Naomi Campbell will give evidence at the war crimes trial of former Liberian president Charles Taylor about a "blood diamond" he allegedly gave her, her spokeswoman said yesterday.

The war crimes court ordered Campbell last week to testify on July 29 about a diamond she was allegedly given by Taylor after a celebrity dinner hosted by then South African president Nelson Mandela in September 1997.

Taylor has been on trial since 2008 for his alleged role in the civil war in Sierra Leone, accused of arming rebels in return for illegally mined diamonds.

"Miss Campbell has made it clear that she is willing to help the due process of law," said the spokeswoman from The Outside Organisation PR

firm.

"For avoidance of doubt she is not being accused of any wrongdoing and is not on trial."

Campbell will have to testify about claims by her former agent Carole White and actress Mia Farrow that she was given the diamond.

The prosecution alleges the gem was among those Taylor had obtained from Sierra Leone rebels and took to South Africa "to sell... or exchange them from weapons."

It believes Campbell's evidence will be direct evidence of Taylor's possession of rough diamonds, a claim he has denied.

When it ordered the model to appear, the Special Court for Sierra Leone warned she could face up to seven years in jail if she failed to turn up.

Campbell had previously refused to talk to prosecutors

about the alleged gift.

The court said there was "at least a good chance that the information provided by Ms Campbell would be of material assistance" in the case.

Taylor, 62, is charged with 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity stemming from the 1991-2001 civil war in neighbouring Sierra Leone, where he is alleged to have armed Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels in exchange for rough diamonds.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, rape, conscripting child soldiers, enslavement and pillaging.

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Betancourt to demand millions for FARC hostage ordeal

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) - Former Colombian hostage Ingrid Betancourt will demand over six million dollars in compensation from Bogota for financial and psychological damages endured in her six years of captivity by leftist rebels, officials and media said yesterday.

The former Franco-Colombian hostage of the FARC, who was released two years ago, intends to seek 12.5 billion pesos (6.6 million dollars), according to media reports.

She returned to her native country last week for several hours to participate in a ceremony celebrating the two-year anniversary of the Colombian military's successful "Operation Jaque"

that freed her and 14 other hostages of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

Betancourt, who was abducted in the midst of her presidential campaign in February 2002 and ultimately became a global symbol of the guerrillas' hostages, said at the time that she still suffered from the ordeal.

"I always have the impression that I am fine, calm and happy, and suddenly I mention something, and the sadness, tears and angst come back," she told AFP. "I am not yet in control of my emotions to the degree I would like."

She intends to recount the experience in a memoir due to be published in September.

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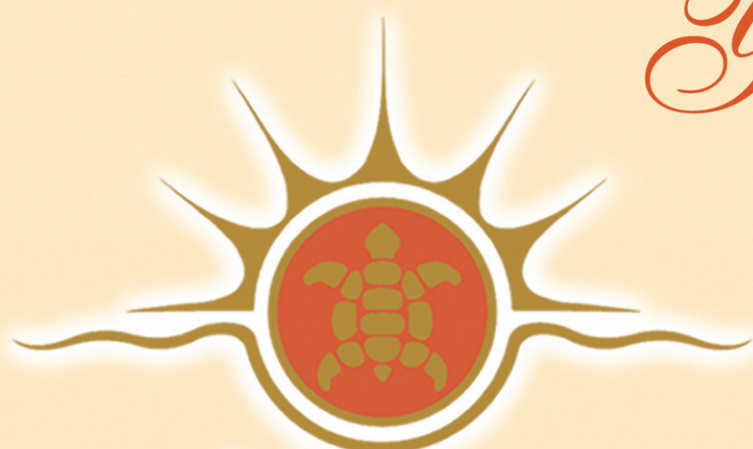
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Among Aruba's many jewelers, Gold Palace, located just across from the Oranjestad Bus Terminal, offers singular services and excellent value; definitely worth a trip to town. A visit to the shop resulted in

some interesting finds, as well as quick and affordable repair to a ring of extreme sentimental value.

"Blue diamonds are all the rage now," we were informed by sales representative Stephanie,

who showed us a large selection of attractive pieces where this stunning azure stone is cleverly deployed. The shop carries a vast inventory of precious and semi-precious jewelry, along with Nobel Watches, one of which was awarded to President Barak Obama when he received their namesake prize.

"Having a resident artisan on staff gives us great flexibility in pleasing our clients," explained owner K.P., who will usually be found on duty in town or their La Hacienda branch in Palm Beach, with his wife Neelam. "We opened our first shop on Aruba 22 years ago, and are proud to say we have a substantial regular clientele who have also recommended us and made our shop a success."

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Science/Tech

Sony to introduce new PlayStation3 with bigger memory

TOKYO (AFP) – Electronics giant Sony said it will introduce an upgraded PlayStation 3 videogame console in Japan at the end of July, with a bigger memory and a new white version on offer.

The company will sell a 160-gigabyte model for 29,980 yen (341 dollars), the same price at which the Tokyo-based company had previously offered its 120-gigabyte console, it said in a statement.

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It will also introduce a 320-gigabyte model for 34,980 yen. Both models will be available from July 29 in Japan. Sony did not indicate worldwide release plans in the statement.

The move comes amid heightened competition between Sony and gaming rival Microsoft, with both giants looking to release motion-sensing controllers later this year in response to the runaway success of Nintendo's Wii.

PlayStation Move wands will hit the market in time for the year-end holiday shopping season in the United

States.

The devices let PS3 play be controlled with swings, jabs and other natural movements instead of toggle-and-button commands that have been trademarks of play on PS3 and rival Xbox 360 consoles by Microsoft.

Microsoft's Kinet technology will use a 3-D camera and gesture recognition software to let people play videogames using natural body movements instead of hand-held controllers.

Sony shares closed 1.33 percent higher at 2,361 yen in Tokyo Tuesday.

Protons smaller than previously thought: report

PARIS (AFP) – Scientists lobbed a bombshell into the world of sub-atomic theory this past week by reporting that a primary building block of the visible Universe, the proton, is smaller than previously thought.

More precisely, revised measurements shave four percent off the particle's radius, according to a study in Nature that is highlighted on the journal's cover.

That may not seem like much, especially given the proton's infinitesimally tiny size.

But if borne out in further experiments, the findings could challenge fundamental precepts of quantum electrodynamics, the theory of how quantum light and matter interact, say its authors.

A team of 32 international scientists led by Randolph Pohl of the Max Planck Institute in Garching, Germany, had initially set out only to confirm what was already known

rather than overturn time-honoured assumptions.

For decades, particle physicists have used the hydrogen atom as a benchmark for measuring the size of protons, which are part of the core of atoms.

The advantage of hydrogen is its unrivalled simplicity: one electron circles a single proton.

But this unit of measure turns out to have been wrong by a small but critical margin, if the paper is right.

"We didn't imagine that there would be a gap between the known measures of the proton and our own," admitted co-author Paul Indelicato, director of the Kastler Brossel Laboratory at the Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris.

The new experiment -- at least 10 times more accurate than any performed to date -- was envisioned by physicists 40 years ago, but only recent developments in technology made it feasible.

HEALTH

Fish Oil Linked to Lower Breast Cancer Risk



Taking fish oil supplements may help reduce breast cancer risk, shows a preliminary study in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention.

In the study of 35,016 older women with no history of breast cancer, those who reported currently taking fish oil supplements on a regular basis had a 32% reduced risk for developing invasive ductal breast cancer, compared with women who did not take fish oil supplements.

"There is some limited evidence from my study and others that fish oil may be good for preventing breast cancer, but there is not sufficient evidence to make a public health recommendation right now," cautions study researcher Emily White, PhD, an epidemiologist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. "If you are taking fish oil now for other reasons, this is reassuring that it may have beneficial effects

beside what you are taking it for," she says. Many people currently take fish oil supplements to decrease their risk for heart disease.

In the study, 880 women developed breast cancer during six years of follow-up. The use of fish oil was linked to lower risk of invasive ductal breast cancer. Ductal breast cancer is the most common type of breast cancer and forms in the milk ducts. Lobular breast cancer forms in the milk glands. Researchers did not have information on the doses of fish oil that were taken by women in the study.

Exactly how fish oil may affect breast cancer risk is not fully understood, but it may be related to its strong anti-inflammatory properties. Some research suggests that inflammation plays a role in the development of breast and other cancers. Other studies have not found a link between eating more fatty

fish and breast cancer risk, but it may be that the amount of omega-3 fatty acids in fish oil supplements is much higher than what is typically found in the diet.

Other supplements were not linked to breast cancer risk in the new study, including black cohosh, dong quai, soy, and St. John's wort, which are often taken to relieve some of the symptoms of menopause.

The new research is part of the Vitamins and Lifestyle (VITAL) study, which included data from women 50 to 76 years old from Washington state.

Second Opinion

"This study is one of the largest studies that have come out showing that there may be role for fish oil in the prevention of cancer, specifically breast cancer," says Lorenzo Cohen, MD, director of the Integrative Medicine Program and chief of the section of integrative medicine in the department of general oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"It is most likely useful for cardiovascular risks, and the jury is still out on whether it helps in the prevention of breast cancer, but it's not going to hurt," he says.

Alzheimer's Disease: Tips for Maintaining a Normal Life



Living with Alzheimer's disease is a challenge for anyone. It's difficult to remember things, make decisions, and find your way around the way you used to. It can be frustrating a good deal of the time, but there are good days and bad days. Here are some helpful tips and things you can do to make things easier for yourself -- to make things feel a bit more normal again.

To help cope with memory problems:

- * Always keep a book with you to record important

information, phone numbers, names, ideas you have, appointments, your address, and directions to your home.

- * Place sticky notes around the house when you need to remember things.

- * Label cupboards and drawers with words or pictures that describe their contents.

- * Place important phone numbers in large print next to the phone.

- * Ask a friend or family member to call and remind you of important things that you need to do in the day, like meal times, medication times, and appointments.

- * Use a calendar to keep track of time and to remember important dates.

- * Use photos of people you see often labeled with their names.

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Herbal slimming aid contains banned, Rx drugs: US regulator

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The US drug safety watchdog on Thursday warned that a Chinese herbal slimming supplement sold in shops and online contains active drugs not listed on its label, including a stimulant known to cause heart damage.

The weight loss supplement sold under the name Que She and marketed as "an all-natural blend of Chinese herbs" contains not only fenfluramine, a stimulant withdrawn from the US market in 1997 after studies showed it caused serious heart valve damage, but also three other potentially harmful drugs.

The other drugs found in Que She were the beta-blocker propranolol, which can harm people with asthma and certain heart conditions; prescription weight loss drug sibutramine, which has been linked with increased risk of

heart attack and stroke in patients with a history of heart disease; and the stimulant ephedrine.

The drugs in Que She could be dangerous on their own in certain groups of patients, and could "interact with other medications and result in a serious adverse event," the FDA warned, urging anyone who has taken the weight loss supplement to consult a health care professional.

The Diet Spotlight website described Que She as a compound of 11 Chinese herbs that "purportedly helps a person lose weight by suppressing appetite and increasing metabolism."

Several websites that sold the slimming aid had removed Que She from the list of products they sell shortly after the FDA issued its warning on Thursday.

FDA OKs implantable telescope to aid vision

The FDA says it has approved the use of micro-sized implantable telescopes to improve vision in patients with end-stage, age-related macular degeneration.

The tiny device, called an Implantable Miniature Telescope (IMT), is designed to replace the natural lens. It provides an image that has been magnified more than two times, the FDA says in a news release.

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a condition that affects older people. It damages the center of the retina, or macula, and results in a loss of vision in the center of the visual field. There are two forms of AMD, a wet form and a dry form.

About 8 million people in the U.S. suffer from this condition, and nearly 2 million of them already have significant loss of vision. The device is intended for patients 75 and older with severe to profound vision impairment that has been stable over time due to blind spots from end-stage

AMD.

"This innovation has the potential to provide many people with an improved quality of life," Jeffrey Shuren, MD, JD, director of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, says in the news release.

The IMT comes in two models; one model provides 2.2 times magnification and the other 2.7 times. It is designed to magnify and project

images onto a healthy portion of the afflicted person's retina. It is intended for use in only one eye because the other eye is used for peripheral vision, the FDA says.

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Entrance to the inner Bay of Spaan Lagoon



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoon (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas (Frenchman's Pas)



One of San Nicolas' main attractions, Charlie's Bar in the mainstreet



Mangel Halto in Savaneta



House on the reef (Savaneta)

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, you will find the Spaans Lagoon (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoon is the only inner bay in Aruba, resulting from rising sea levels after the last ice age. Spaans Lagoon is connected with the sea, but it is partially separated by a low-lying bridge. Located off the mouth of the lagoon there are several island keys, which together with the Spaans Lagoon area form a large natural ecological system.

Spaans Lagoon is a reef-protected area. The beach is accessed through the mangrove trees in Mangel Halto, on the east side of the island. It boasts

shallow waters and fine white sand. It's also an excellent spot to have a picnic lunch.

It is one of three Blue Flag beaches developing on the island. There is a gentle sandy entry to the water that is great for children and adults. Beginning scuba divers will love it and the snorkeling is excellent. It is also a wonderful area for kayaking. The Spaans Lagoon area flows into the village of **Pos Chiquito**.

Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recap-

tured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean. The development of the city is undeniably linked to the oil refinery, the presence of which often stands in sharp contrast to the modest houses of the area and the picturesque beach spots

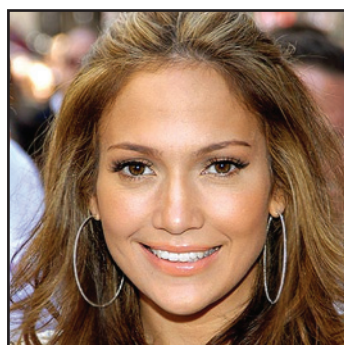


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Jennifer Lopez cancels Cyprus gig after outcry



NICOSIA, Cyprus – Pop star Jennifer Lopez has canceled a performance in Turkish-held north Cyprus after whipping up a storm of angry protest from thousands of displaced Greek Cypriots.

Lopez's gig at a luxury hotel had triggered angry protests among Greeks accusing her of according legitimacy to northern Cyprus, a break-away state recognized only by Ankara.

"Jennifer Lopez would never knowingly support any state, country, institution or regime that was associated with any form of human rights abuse," a statement on Lopez's website said.

"After a full review of the relevant circumstances in Cyprus, it was the decision of her advisors to withdraw from the appearance.

This was a team decision that reflects our sensitivity to the political realities of the region," it said.

Lopez, her husband singer Marc Anthony and their two children were due to stay at the Cratos Premium Hotel, located in a region where thousands of Greek Cypriots were displaced from in 1974. She was booked to perform there on July 24.

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S.African fan sees record 38 World Cup matches

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AFP) – Thulani Ngcobo will have travelled 17,000 kilometres (10,000 miles), endured vitamin jabs to boost his sleep-deprived system, and can no longer face a FIFA-sanctioned stadium hotdog.

But tommorrow, the World Cup final will be the football fanatic's 38th match, after winning an uber-fan challenge's grand prize that made him the Guinness World Records holder for most games watched at football's biggest event.

"Everyone in the world would like to be me," said the 29-year-old asset controller from Pretoria.

Guinness set the never-attempted record at 20 games -- which Ngcobo passed on June

25, with a certificate handed over after post-match footage and witness forms confirmed his presence from the first to final whistle.

The schedule was planned for months with a car waiting outside stadiums as he galloped between host cities, with one day clocking up 3,000 kilometres for four games in 48 hours.

A cancelled flight once saw him arrive two minutes after kick-off, one of seven matches that didn't count toward his record, which will stand officially at 31.

"I haven't missed a game," said Ngcobo, who snatched sleep while travelling but says he immediately revived once in stadiums.

"This is a dream come true to me and it's once in a lifetime. If something comes like this, you need to pull yourself up and you must make sure you do whatever that you can do to succeed."

Ngcobo's sponsored seat at Sunday's final is worth more than his original World Cup budget of 2,000 rands (262 dollars, 208 euros), which he had set aside for 10 of the cheapest seats and 1,000 rands for ferrying between stadiums on minibus taxis.

Instead he got to football's biggest showcase in grand style after winning the "Last Fan Standing" competition run by South African mobile giant and World Cup sponsor MTN, which picked up the tab for his

transport, accommodation and top seats.

A die-hard supporter of the Bafana Bafana national side and Kaizer Chiefs local premier team, Ngcobo attends up to five matches a week in season. His mobile phone ringtone is a football commentary. And he met his girlfriend at a match. Of the 32 competing teams, only Switzerland and Greece went unseen by Ngcobo, after they crashed out early.

He lists the Japan-Paraguay last 16 clash as the most boring, Ghana's exit as the most disappointing, and the Mexican fans as the most passionate.

South African striker Siphiwe Tshabalala's goal -- the first in the tournament -- was his most exciting, but Portu-

gal's 7-0 goal bonanza over North Korea also stood out for being "like watching the highlights live."

Even though ousted stars like England's Wayne Rooney, Brazil's Kaka and Argentina's Lionel Messi failed to shine at the goals, Ngcobo said seeing World Player of the Year Messi was a highlight.

"Previously I'd see him on TV. If you're watching him there you'd think that he's PlayStation or maybe he's played by a machine or something. Seeing him in the first game against Nigeria at Ellis Park was wow to me."

He advises would-be challengers to his record to enter competitions and to be true football fans.

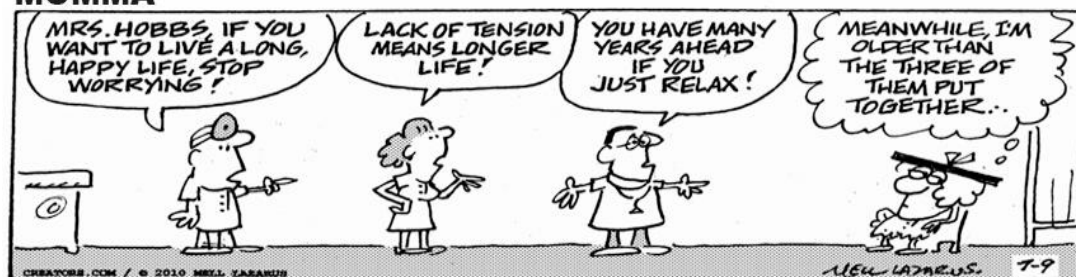
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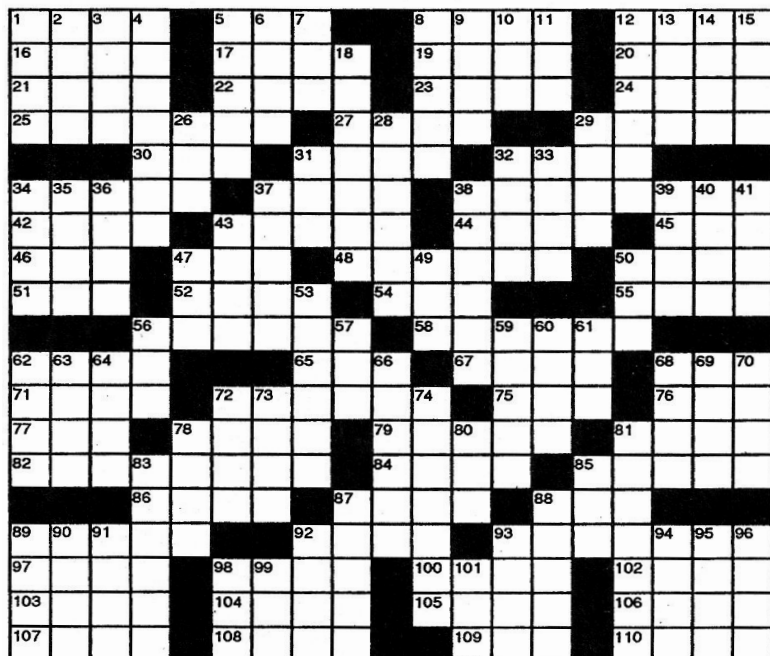
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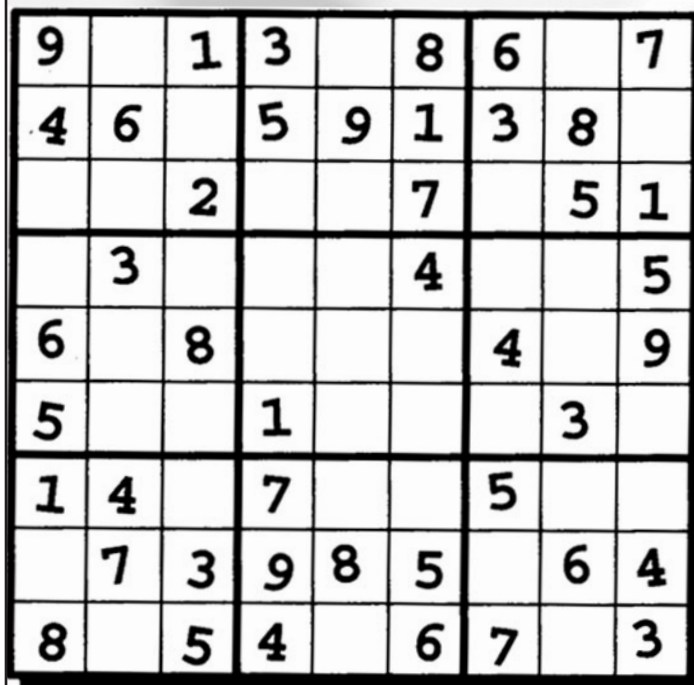
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Aruba Tourism sector is showing some progress

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Monthly Bulletin of March 2010 that the number of stay-over tourists went up by 14.5 percent, associated mainly with the Easter celebration in the month under review, which in 2009 occurred in April. The preliminary data of the occupancy rate showed an increase of 7.7 percentage points to 87.2 percent in March 2010. Also, nominal tourism receipts grew by 5.6 percent in the month under review (2009: 8.4 percent). When corrected for inflation, these receipts increased by 0.6 percent. In contrast, the number of cruise visitors declined by 19.3 percent during March 2010. For the year 2010, the CBA forecasts growth rates of 2.2 percent in stay-over tourism and 1.3 percent in tourism receipts.

The real turnover tax revenue (BBO) collected over the month of April 2010, indicative of economic activity during March 2010, shrank by 7.4 percent. During the first quarter of 2010, the economic development continued to be stagnated as also can be derived

from the decrease of the real BBO decreased by 3.6 percent, a downward trend since August 2009.

The available government revenue data for the months of March and April 2010 indicate that total tax revenue declined by Afl. 5.2 million in March 2010 and by Afl. 23.2 million in April 2010, when compared to the same month a year earlier. The lower proceeds in March 2010 are almost fully explained by the downward adjustment in the turnover tax rate from 3.0 percent to 1.5 percent. The significant fall in revenues in April 2010 was the result of decreased receipts of profit tax of Afl. 10.7 million, turnover tax of Afl. 6.9 million, and wage tax of Afl. 3.2 million.

In March 2010, the money supply went down by Afl. 14.1 million to Afl. 3,242.9 million. This contraction was caused mostly by a decrease in the net domestic assets of Afl. 19.7 million, which was partly mitigated by an Afl. 5.7 million net inflow of funds from abroad.

Consequently, the net foreign assets (excluding revalua-

tion differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings) rose to Afl. 1,520.3 million at the end of March 2010, which is Afl. 85.2 million, or 5.9 percent, more than the amount recorded in the corresponding month of 2009.

The consumer price index (CPI) of April and May 2010 registered increases of, respectively, 5.0 percent and 4.7 percent, compared to the same months of 2009. The 12-month average inflation rate, which is considered an indicator of price movements on the longer term, fell by 4.0 percentage points to 0.6 percent in April 2010 when compared to April 2009, and by 2.2 percentage points to 1.3 percent in May 2010 when compared to the same month of 2009.

The inflation differential with the United States, our main trading partner, decreased to 0.2 percentage point in April 2010, compared to +2.2 percentage points in the corresponding month a year earlier. In May 2010, the inflation differential was 0.6 percentage point (May 2009: +1.6 percentage points).

France, Germany push EU on global bank tax

PARIS, France (AFP) - France and Germany want the European Union to keep up the fight for a global bank tax even though the proposal was rejected by the Group of 20, according to a letter released yesterday.

The French and German finance ministers wrote to Belgium, which holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, to say that such a global tax was "possible and necessary."

"Even though a consensus has not been found, we are convinced that the European Union must continue to try to create such a tax," wrote Christine Lagarde of France and Wolfgang Schaueble of Germany.

Britain, France and Germany had agreed to push for such a tax at last month's G20 summit in Canada but leaders in the end left it to each country to choose whether to impose the levy.

The French and German finance ministers said the proposed tax, designed to generate funds with which to avoid a repeat of the global financial crisis, should be discussed at an EU meeting in Brussels at the end of September.

Euro falls on profit-taking

LONDON, England (AFP) - The euro was lower against the dollar yesterday, giving up sharp early gains made to fresh eight-week highs as investors took profits towards the close, dealers said.

They said the recent recovery in the euro, after sustained losses on fears the European debt crisis could sink the whole eurozone project and force the economy back into recession, has been striking.

On a day without any real news leads, however, there was little incentive to take any fresh risks and the unit fell back accordingly, they said.

In late London trade, the euro was at 1.2642 dollars, coming off early highs at 1.2722 dollars -- its best level

since May 12 and down from 1.2700 dollars in New York late Thursday.

Against the Japanese currency, the dollar firmed to 88.58 yen from 88.31 on Thursday.

Dealers said sentiment has turned quickly this week, from fears that the global economic recovery could run out of steam to believing that perhaps the worst is finally over and that modest growth is at least secure.

On that basis, riskier assets such as the euro and stocks have done well, posting substantial gains while the traditionally safe-haven dollar has slipped.

"Pessimism on the global growth outlook (has) eased," NAB Capital strategist John Kyriakopoulos noted.

ECB chief economist: Worst of crisis is over

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) - The European Central Bank's chief economist said yesterday that the worst of the eurozone's economic crisis was over but warned other major economies their policies were unsustainable.

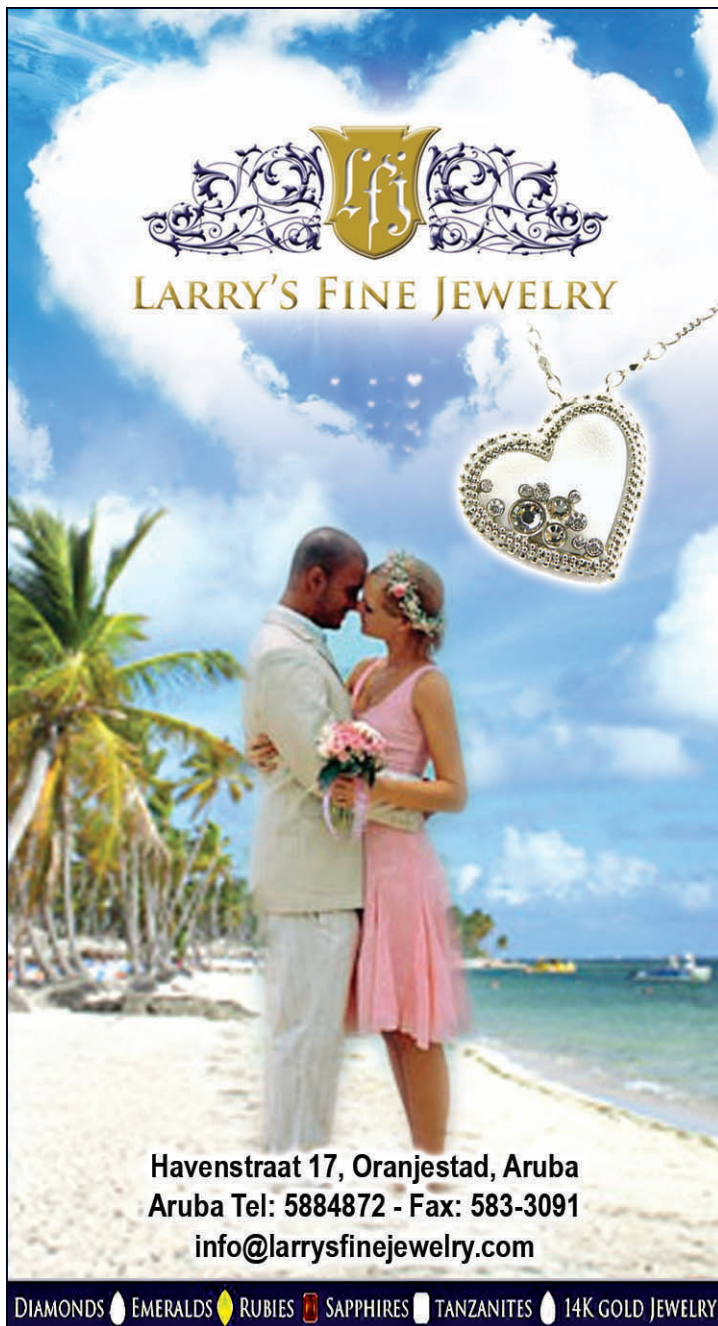
Juergen Stark told reporters on the sidelines of a bank conference that "it seems that the worst is over" given that ECB loan operations came off smoothly at the beginning of July and economic indicators show solid growth in much of

the 16-nation bloc.

"The most recent economic data is confirming that the recovery will continue," Stark said.

"We have entered a new phase in the sovereign debt crisis here in the euro area but which is a global phenomenon," he added.

The crisis was described as a wake-up call to eurozone governments that Stark said were now serious about fiscal reforms and more structural changes as well.

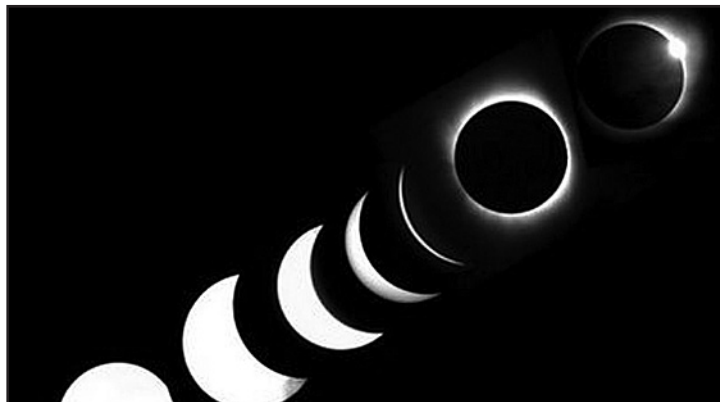


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Easter Island braces for eclipse



HANGA ROA, Chile (AFP) – Remote and mysterious Easter Island is bracing for an influx of tourists and problems with Sunday's solar eclipse that is being seen as a mixed blessing for the tiny Pacific territory.

The Chilean island of only 160 square kilometers (60 square miles) is expecting an estimated 4,000 visitors, doubling the population of the barren isle which already suffers from water pollution and deforestation.

Conditions are anything but normal this week on Easter Island, deemed by astronomers as the best place to witness Sunday's alignment of the Sun, Earth, and Moon, which will

occur for a fleeting four minutes and 41 seconds.

The total solar eclipse will begin in French Polynesia, before the Moon's umbra, or shadow, cloaks Easter Island and its mysterious giant statues.

Parts of the globe will be plunged into daytime darkness along a narrow corridor some 11,000 kilometers (6,800 miles) long across the South Pacific.

But authorities have increased security, especially around key heritage sites including the large stone statues, or moai, some 3,000 years old, for which Easter Island is famous.

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"The new Business Broker Services of PwC," he adds, "will inject fresh energy and create new opportunities, against the backdrop of a current stagnating economic situation."

"PwC will develop and maintain an up to date inventory list of companies for sale, and parallel to that will develop and maintain a list of prospective buyers, utilizing its local, regional and global network of offices around the world," he states.

"We will help entrepreneurs make it happen," he adds, "always maintaining great confidentiality and professionalism, expanding the relatively small local market into our Caribbean regional network."

Goedhoop reports that services will be rendered to the buying party as well as to the selling party. Among them creating a solid business plan and finalizing accurate financial statements for the seller, on the other hand, helping the buying



party with due diligence procedures and operational audits, including the search for suitable financing involving PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory, Assurance and Tax departments, all positioned to broker a well-structured deal, not just on Aruba, but throughout the region.

Goedhoop also states that companies who approach PricewaterhouseCoopers for help growing, via a merger or an acquisition, and companies who seek suitable buyers for any enterprise, will find in PricewaterhouseCoopers a confidential, trusted source of information and expertise, with access to a Caribbean network, in all business sectors, delivering quality

work, based on the company's long-established, solid reputation.

Pictured here, Goedhoop Director Advisory, and Senior Partner Edsel Lopez, talking to a local TV station, regarding the new Business Broker Services.



Singer Susan Boyle seeks duet partner

LONDON, England – Scottish singer Susan Boyle, who shot to fame on a British TV talent show in 2009, is searching for a duet partner to appear on her new album.

"I thought that what I would like more than anything this year is to be able to give something back -- to pass on the gift that I had been given," the 49-year-old said on her website. Her debut album, "I Dreamed a Dream," shot to number one in more than 20 countries, and, with nine million copies sold worldwide, was one of last year's biggest hits. Her follow-up will be called "The Gift."

The competition, to be run on her official website

www.susanboyle-music.com, will be open from July 9-23, and the winner will be announced on July 26.

Boyle has invited entrants to upload videos of themselves singing Christmas carol "Silent Night."

Boyle's rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the musical "Les Misérables" in April last year has been downloaded hundreds of millions of times on the YouTube video sharing site.

The church volunteer from



a small town in Scotland surprised audiences and the judging panel with the power of her voice turning her into a household name.

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Turtugaruba participates in the Annual Reef and Beach Clean Up



Last weekend the 17th Annual Beach Clean up took place, organized by ATA.

Turtugaruba, the foundation that protects the sea turtles in and around Aruba has participated nine times in a row. The beach behind the Lighthouse (California) was cleaned by 20 volunteers. A lot of trash and marine debris was collected (7 pick up loads).

Pollution is one of the biggest threats for sea turtles. Imagine a plastic bag floating in the sea: it can kill sea turtles who mistake it for a jellyfish, the favorite food of the Leatherback Sea Turtle.

And even one cup can make

the difference between life or death. It can obstruct or even trap a baby turtle on its way from the nest to the sea.

Driving on the beach and dunes is prohibited by law on Aruba, because vehicles and quad racers will damage nature (for example sea turtle nests and bird nests, vegetation etc).

Of course the participants of a beach clean up did not act against the law. The distance to carry the bags and other trash to the pick up was long, a lot of energy was needed! But the Turtugaruba volunteers are very happy with the result of the clean beach.

Study: US to feel more heat, more often in coming years



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Targets set by policy makers to slow global warming are too soft to prevent more heatwaves and extreme temperatures in the United States within a few years, with grim consequences for human health and farming, a study warned this week.

Although the United States and more than 100 other countries agreed in Copenhagen last year to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions "so as to hold the increase in global temperature below two degrees Celsius," a study conducted by Stanford University scientists showed that might not be enough.

Stanford earth sciences professor Noel Diffenbaugh and former postdoc fellow Moetasim Ashfaq wrote in the study, published in *Geophysical Research Letters*, that "constraining global warming to two degrees C above pre-industrial conditions may not be sufficient to avoid dangerous climate change."

"In the next 30 years, we could see an increase in heatwaves like the one now occurring in the eastern United States or the kind that swept across Europe in 2003 that caused tens of thousands of fatalities," said Diffenbaugh, lead author of the study.

"Those kinds of severe heat events put enormous stress on major crops like corn, soybean, cotton and wine grapes, causing a significant reduction in yields," he said.

Diffenbaugh and Ashfaq used two dozen climate models to project what could happen in the United States if carbon dioxide emissions cause temperatures to rise 1.8



degrees Fahrenheit (one degree Celsius) between 2010 and 2039 -- a likely scenario, according to the UN's International Panel on Climate Change.

If that occurs, the mean global temperature in 30 years would be about 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (two degrees Celsius) hotter than in the preindustrial era of the 1850s.

Many climate scientists and policy makers have set a two-degree Celsius increase as the upper threshold for temperature rise, saying beyond that the planet is likely to experience serious environmental damage.

But in their two-year study, Diffenbaugh and Ashfaq found that even if temperatures rise by less than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial conditions, there is likely to be a spike in extreme seasonal temperatures and more and longer heatwaves.

The first impacts could be felt as early as during the next 10 years in the United States, the scientists said.

In the 2020s, an intense heatwave equal to the longest on record from 1951 to 1999 is likely to occur as many as

five times a decade in parts of the United States -- even if global temperatures rise by only one degree Celsius, it said.

The 2030s could be even hotter, with more and longer heatwaves and a spike in extreme seasonal temperatures in the United States.

Along with rising temperatures, there would be a fall in precipitation and soil moisture could lead to drought-like conditions in parts of the United States, which would harm crop yields and could increase the number of wildfires, the study showed.

"I did not expect to see anything this large within the next three decades. This was definitely a surprise," said Diffenbaugh.

"It's up to the policymakers to decide the most appropriate action, but our results suggest that limiting global warming to two degrees Celsius does not guarantee that there won't be damaging impacts from climate change," he said.

Geophysical Research Letters is a peer-reviewed publication of the American Geo-physical Union.

LeBron dumps Cleveland for Miami



LeBron give thumbs up after announcing his decision

LOS ANGELES (AFP) — The NBA's reigning two-time MVP LeBron James ended months of suspense and guess work by announcing he is leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers to sign with the Miami Heat.

James' decision to leave his hometown and head south to Florida to play alongside Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh gives the Heat one of the most dynamic power trios in league history.

"The attraction in Miami is being alongside Dwyane Wade and being alongside Chris Bosh. It is a new challenge for myself," James said.

"The major factor was this is the best opportunity for me to win and win now and in the future. The number one thing with me is to help my teammates get better and to win."

Boozer joins Bulls, Joe Johnson inks deal with Atlanta Hawks

CHICAGO (AFP) — Carlos Boozer officially became a member of the Chicago Bulls who convinced the two-time NBA all-star to leave the Utah Jazz for the Windy City.

Boozer agreed to a deal reportedly worth 75 million dollars over five years on Thursday. The team did not disclose the exact terms.

"I feel we have the talent here to begin competing for a title and I cannot wait to get started," Boozer said.

Boozer is expected to compliment point guard Derrick Rose and forward Joakim Noah nicely. Chicago signed the free agent with the hope he would be able to get them into the second round of the playoffs after two consecutive first round exits.

James, Bosh and Wade turned professional in the same season and were the number one, fourth and fifth players chosen in the 2003 entry draft.

James ended up in Cleveland, Wade in Miami and Bosh headed north to Canada and the Toronto Raptors.

Wade is the lone one to have won a championship, teaming up with Shaquille O'Neal in 2006 for the NBA title.

The trio also captured gold medals together at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and James is hoping to do the same in Miami.

"Knowing the history of the game. Look at all the teams that won, the Lakers teams, the Piston teams, the Bulls teams, the Celtics teams. It wasn't just one superstar going out on the court

Boozer spent six years with Utah, averaging 19.5 points and 11.2 rebounds last season.

In other signings Thursday, the Orlando Magic have inked point guard Chris Duhon and the Milwaukee Bucks signed their 2010 first round entry draft pick forward Larry Sanders.

One of the biggest winners Thursday was Joe Johnson who officially signed a six-year deal with Atlanta, giving the Hawks' four-time all-star an average of more than 20 million dollar per year.

Dallas also reached an agreement with free-agent centre Brendan Haywood, who will receive as much as 55 million dollars over six years.

and dominating the game and winning an NBA championship," James said.

"When Magic played he had Kareem and Worthy. Jordan was great but he had Pippen and he also had Horace Grant. I could keep on going. You become a superstar individually but you become a champion as a team. I understand that and I know the history of this game."

James said he is taking less money to play in Miami than he would have made had he stayed in Cleveland.

"I am not getting the max deal," he said. "The max deal would have been to stay in Cleveland get the six years and get over 120 million."

"The numbers are not finalized. All three of us are going to take less because we want to play alongside each other."

The reaction in Cleveland to James' departure was swift and passionate. Television pictures showed Cavalier fans burning James' jerseys in anger.

Asked to react to the perceived snub towards his hometown Cleveland, James said, "I can't get involved in that."

"I feel awful about leaving."

"I didn't want to make an emotional decision. Put the shoe on the other foot. If the Cavs got rid of me would my family burn down the organization? Of course not. This is a business. I had seven great years. I am going to continue to be happy and great."

Free agents James, Wade and Bosh were wined and dined by teams who spared no expense in trying to convince them to change teams. Now there is speculation about whether Miami is big enough for the three stars to co-exist on the Heat.

"It isn't about sharing. It is about everybody having their own spotlight and then going out and winning," James said.

Said Wade, "We dreamed of playing together for many years but none of us thought it could happen. We all knew there had to be sacrifices to make."

"I let LeBron and Chris know they were welcome here with open arms."

The 25-year-old LeBron decided to test the free agency market this summer. The NBA's moratorium on signing free agents expired on Thursday.

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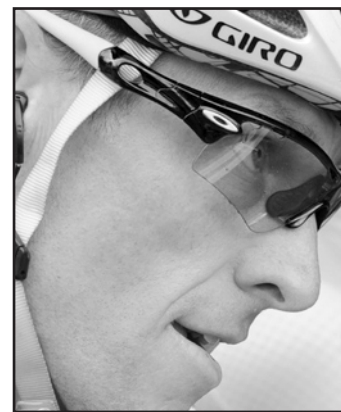
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Armstrong wants RadioShack in attack mode



GUEUGNON, France (AFP) — Lance Armstrong is well aware that the crucial third week of what is his final Tour de France campaign will either shape or end his yellow jersey ambitions.

But he has not ruled out being primed for his own attacks, or those from his key rivals, as the race heads steadily into the Alps this weekend.

The hilly seventh stage on Saturday is a 165.5km ride from Tournus which finishes with an easy 14km climb to Les Rousses ski station.

But it is the eighth stage that most of the yellow jersey contenders appear to have pinpointed.

Armstrong finished the sixth stage here Friday in the safety of the peloton as

Britain's Mark Cavendish took his second sprint win in as many days to claim his 12th career victory on the race.

And with a time deficit to rivals Cadel Evans, Andy Schleck and Alberto Contador after a setback on the cobbles of stage three the 38-year-old American is expected to put his RadioShack team to work this weekend.

"We might have had that bad luck on the pave (cobblestones) but the classification starts tomorrow, though it really starts on Sunday," said the American.

"I would look for more animation and attacks on Sunday. These are days that we can't necessarily win the Tour, but we can certainly lose it."

Sunday's eighth stage to Morzine-Avoriaz is considered significantly tougher than stage seven, giving hope to race fans that it will provide the first mountain thriller of this year's race.

After Monday's rest day, a third day in the Alps on Tuesday leads the peloton from Morzine to Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne, where the finish is after a long descent from the Col de la Madeleine.

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We won't give Sneijder time to think, says Busquets

POTCHEFSTROOM (AFP) - Spain holding midfielder Sergio Busquets vowed to make Holland playmaker Wesley Sneijder's life impossible when the pair meet in the World Cup final.

Both European teams will be bidding for their first ever world title when they meet in Johannesburg on Sunday.

And while European champions Spain are the clear favourites, they are well aware of the threat posed by the Dutch playmaker, a reported 35 million-euro target for Manchester United.

And it will be Barcelona midfielder Busquets's job to try to stop the 26-year-old, just as he was asked to do in the Champions League when his team were knocked out in the semi-finals by Sneijder's Inter Milan.

"He's a great player and he's playing great. We'll try to stop him like any other player," said the 21-year-old Busquets.

"We'll try to deny him even the time to think because otherwise he can create some good chances for their forwards."

And while Busquets singled



out the particular threat posed by Sneijder, back-up centre-back Carlos Marchena believes the Dutch have no weaknesses at all.

"They've got lots of strong points, they defend well, they have a great goalkeeper, their midfielders cover the whole pitch and up front they score lots of goals and are very quick," he said.

"Their counter-attacks are lethal, they're a complete team."

With the way Spain hold onto the ball and move it around with consummate ease and authority, opposing teams are often wary of pushing up

against them.

One feature of the tournament is that Spain's opponents have mostly sat back quite deep to try to stop them being opened up by the clever and quick passing of players such as Andres Iniesta and Xavi.

But whatever tactics the Dutch bring to the table, Busquets believes they will have the answer.

"We've come up against everything, opponents like Switzerland who sat back, others like Chile and Paraguay who close you down," he said.

"(Holland) will play their game, both teams will play the way they know how."

Spain play very much in the Barcelona mould, a system that was largely developed by Dutchmen such as Johan Cruyff, Louis van Gaal and Frank Rijkaard.

And Busquets admits that if Spain, who have seven Barcelona players in their starting line-up, win, part of their success will be down to the Dutch.

"I can talk about Van Gaal

and Cruyff, they did a great job and developed the game and philosophy at Cantera (the Barcelona training centre)," he said.

"Football is always getting more difficult. The national team has reached a good level and is working hard."

"We played our best match against Germany (in the semi-final) and I hope the best is yet to come."

Dutch ready to banish ghosts of '74 and '78

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk insists Holland are ready to end their 32-year wait for a World Cup title in Sunday's final and write their own chapter in Netherlands' football history.

The Dutch face European champions Spain at Johannesburg's Soccer City with both sides bidding to win a first world title.

Holland reached both the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals, losing to West Germany and Argentina respectively, but van Marwijk says his side are

ready to go a step further than those great Dutch teams.

"We will play for the whole of Holland," said van Marwijk. "I do not think in terms of revenge (for those defeats)."

"I will watch the game without thinking about historical statistics. We haven't experienced winning a final and neither have Spain."

The Dutch are expecting a tight, tactical game against the Euro 2008 winners, who under Spain coach Vicente del Bosque, dominated Germany in Wednesday's semi-final.

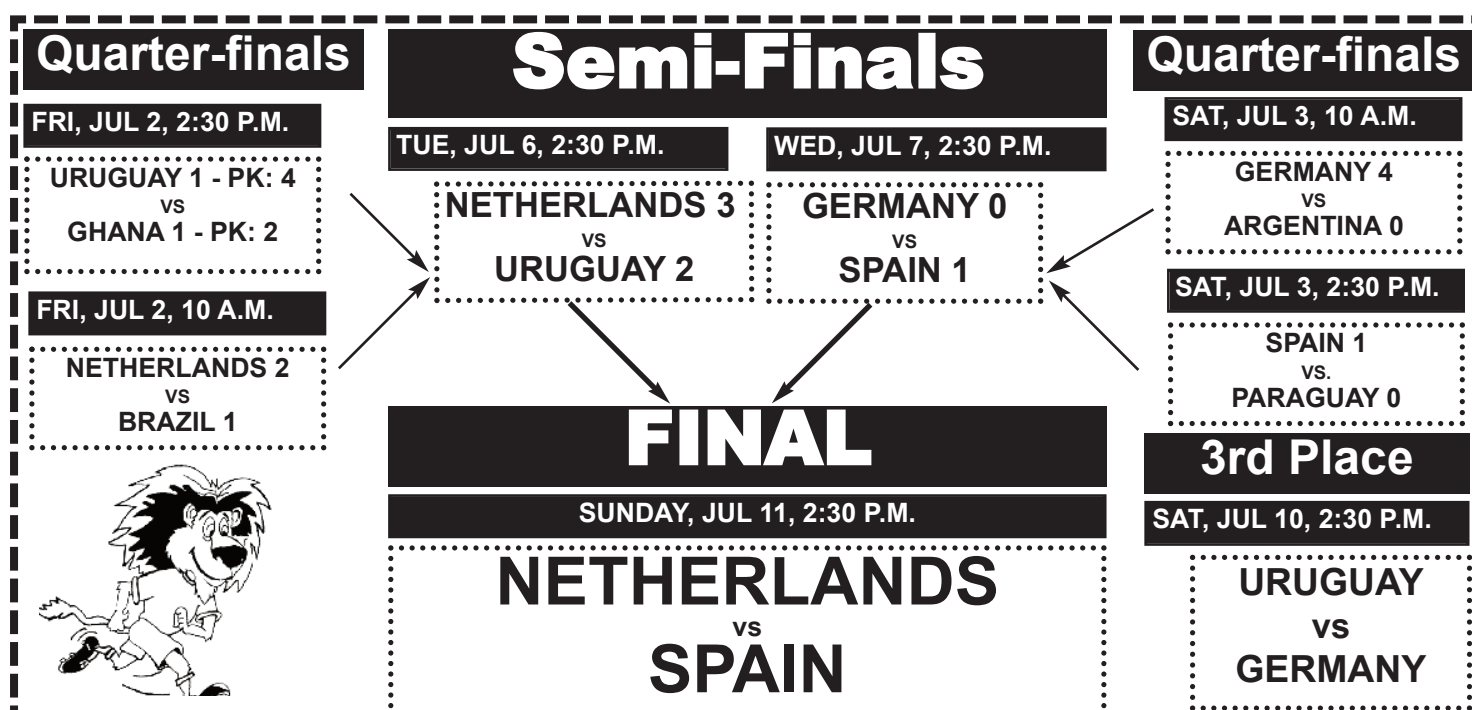
"I suppose that the two coaches will work from a clear strategy, both sides will have a little bit of tension," said van Marwijk.

"Spain deserved to beat Germany, I like the way they played, we will play our way against them. We respect them, but we are not afraid of them."

"It will be a big challenge for us, they made it hard for the Germans to play."

If they win Sunday's final, the Dutch will become only the second team to record a perfect World Cup campaign, after Brazil in 1970, by winning every single match in both qualification and the finals.

Van Marwijk: "It doesn't interest me who thinks who is the favourite. I am preparing for the match and I am confident," said the 58-year-old.



Come and enjoy the FIFA World Cup Finals at Paseo Herencia with family and friends

Paseo Herencia is in the FIFA World Cup 2010 ambiance. The whole family is invited to come and watch Holland battle against Spain for the maximum title on the biggest LED screen on Aruba. At the same time enjoy the different offers that the outlets at Paseo Herencia have to offer.

There will be an outdoor bar in front of T.G.I.Friday's with Happy Hour prices and musical entertainment by DJ Yeimi.

Mokas café will be offering its drinks at special prices and snack platters starting at Afl 10. And especially for the kids

they will have cup cakes with orange icing for only Afl. 4.

At Iguana Cantinas the Balashi beers costs only US\$2 and they will also have different snacks platter options

For parents who wish to watch the game with their children, Paseo Herencia will have different activities for the kids, such as Dino jump, face painting, bumper boats in the Paseo Pool, popcorn, cotton candy and much more.

The whole family is welcome tomorrow to spend a nice time during the World Cup 2010 finals. The event starts at 12:30 p.m.

Netherlands will beat Spain, says biased chimp-pundit

TALLINN (AFP) - The Netherlands will beat Spain in the looming World Cup final, according to a chimpanzee-turned-pundit in an Estonian zoo.

The only problem is that Pino the ape may be biased because he was born in Amsterdam, the Estonian tabloid Ohtuleht said Friday.

Ohtuleht asked Tallinn zoo to see if other animals agreed with Paul the "psychic" Ger-

man octopus, who has made headlines with his spot-on match tips and has picked Spain to win Sunday's crunch match.

Pino, who has been in Tallinn since his transfer from Amsterdam zoo in 1994, was offered two paper bags containing snacks, each decorated with a Dutch or Spanish flag.

He instantly picked the Netherlands' red, white and blue over Spain's yellow and red.



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Red or orange -- World Cup final fever mounts



MADRID - Football fever -- be it red or orange -- has taken over Spain and Holland ahead of the World Cup final, with both countries desperate to lift the trophy for the first time ever. Win or lose, Spain is preparing for an extraordinary fiesta. Spain's blood-red and gold colours are flying from balconies, bars and cars throughout most of the country. Spanish television for the first time Friday broadcast live the prediction of Paul the "pyschic" and now famous German octopus, who has tipped Spain to win. The Dutch were not too dismayed though, as Pauline, a female octopus in the Netherlands, has forecast a win for Holland, albeit in her first attempt at clairvoyancy. Throughout the Netherlands, what is colloquially known as Orange Fever has grown in line with the team's progress through the tournament. Entire streets are lined with small orange flags and some people have covered their homes with plastic sheets in the national colour.